# Coal's High Tech Energy Future: Liquids and Gasification

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### **Overview**

- Gasification
- Coal-to-liquids (CTL)
- Integrated gasification combined cycle (IGCC)
- Comparison of technologies
- Industry status
- What is holding us back?
- ◆ C0₂ sequestration (EOR, ECBM)

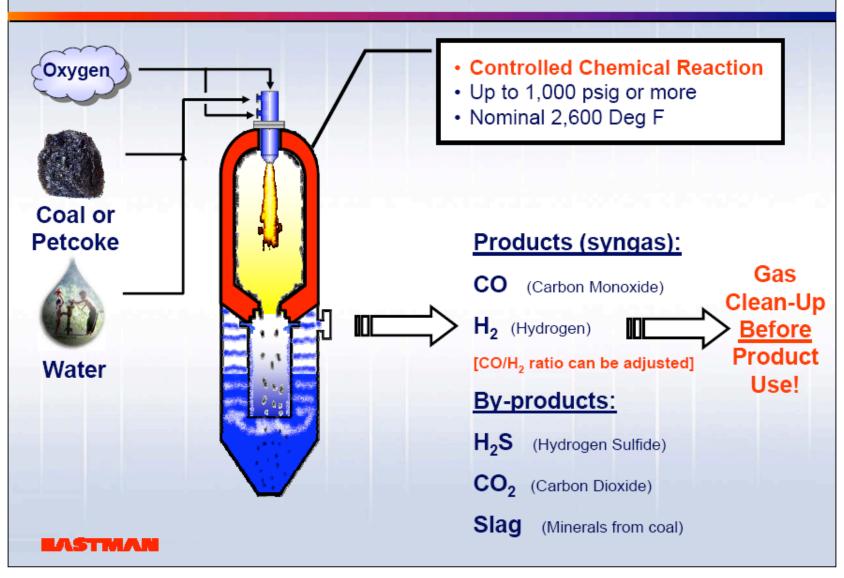


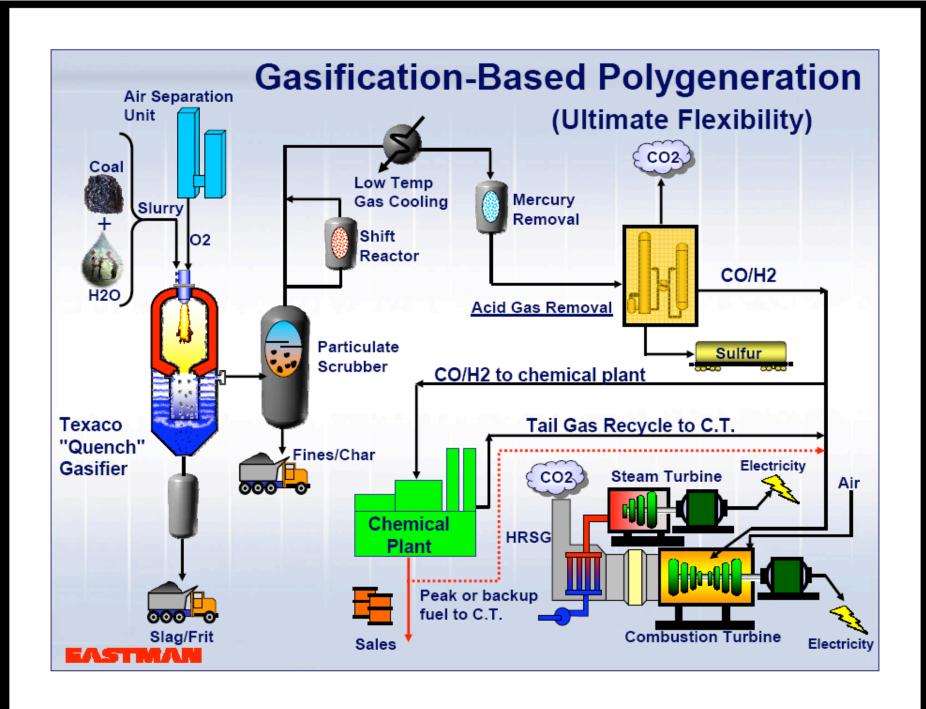
### **Gasification Basics**

- Gasification does not burn coal
- Coal is subject to hot steam and controlled amounts of air, or oxygen, under high temp and pressure in a reactor
- Carbon molecules break apart to produce hydrogen, carbon monoxide, and other gaseous compounds









### **Worldwide Gasifiers**

#### Worldwide

- 117 gasification plants; 385 gasifiers
- 35 new facilities in design or construction
- trend is towardsIGCC

#### <u>USA</u>

- 20 gasification plants
- 4 produce electricity
  - □ 2 use coal
  - Polk County IGCC
  - □ Wabash River IGCC



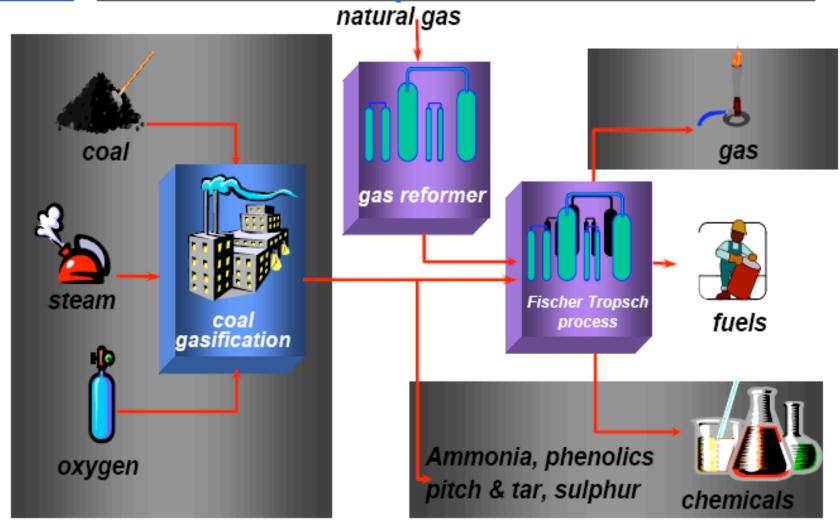
### Sasol

- Three Sasol plants in South Africa account for about 30% of world gasifier capacity. They produce transportation fuels and chemicals from coal
- Equivalent of 150,000 bls/day chemicals and fuels including high quality diesel fuel
- Economic in US\$35 to \$40/bbl range

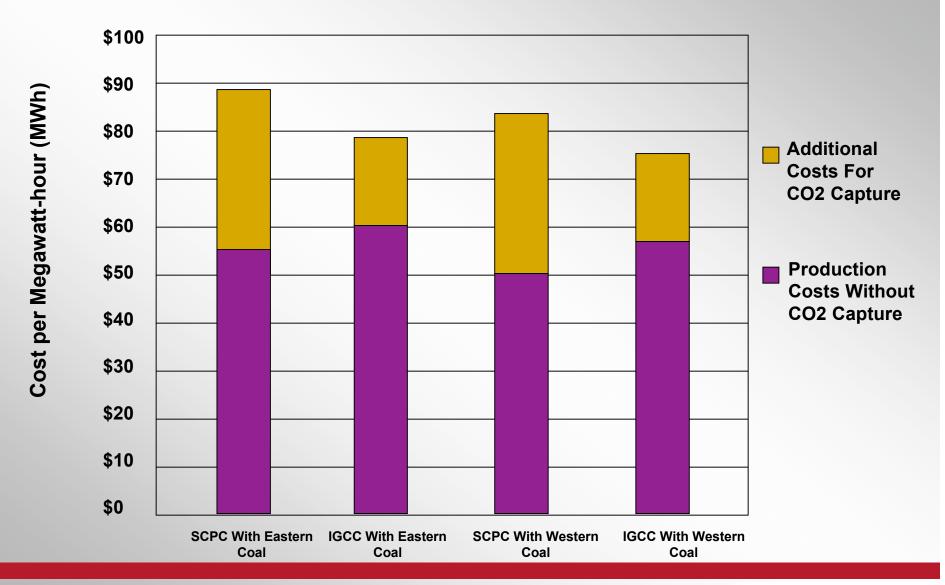




# Fischer Tropsch makes Sasol unique: GTL and CTL



#### IGCC and SCPC with and without Carbon Capture Technology





## Comparison of IGCC and SCPC

#### IGCC (disadvantages)

- Higher capital
- Higher operating
- Higher development costs
- Without CO<sub>2</sub>sequestration 7 to 14%higher costs/kWh

#### IGCC (advantages)

- Half NOx emissions
- Half Sox emissions
- Much better Hg removal
- Inert slag
- □ 30-50% less water use
- With CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration9-15% lower costs/kWh
- Future potential for reducing costs as technology matures

Source: Nurula, R, Bechtel Power Corp and Lowe, E., Congress submission 2002



## What's holding us back?

- Costs initial capital and operating
- Uncertainty on emissions regulations
- Uncertainty on future oil (< \$35/bbl)and natural gas prices (<\$4/MMBtu)</li>
- Difficult to finance large, multi billion dollar projects



# National Coal Council 2025 Projections

	Coal use (Mt/year)	Capex US\$ billions (2005)	Production
Coal-to- liquids	475	\$211	2.6 MMbbl/d (50% current US production)
Coal-to-gas	340	\$115	4.0Tcf/year (25% current US production)
Coal-to- electricity	375	150	100GW
Coal-to hydrogen	60	\$27	10% H2 needs
Coal-to-	40	\$12	
ethanol	1,300	\$515	

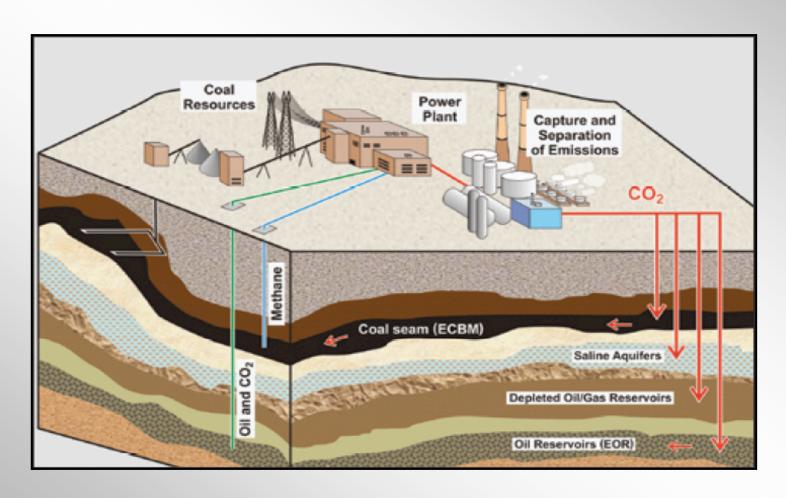


# What will accelerate gasification, IGCC and CTL investments?

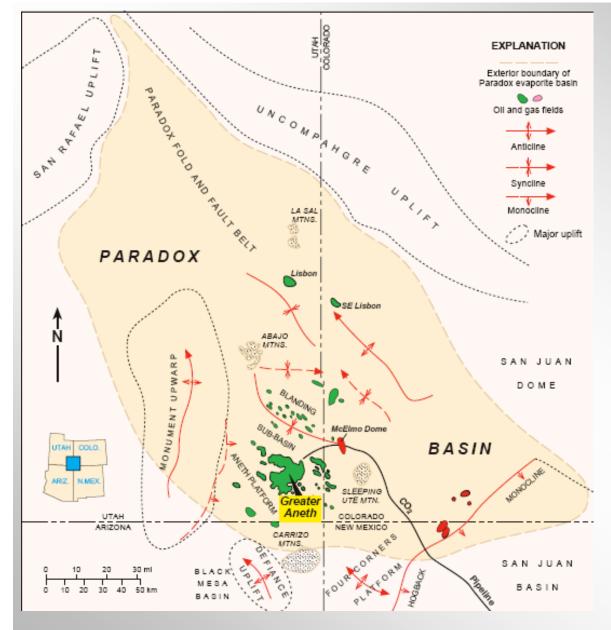
- Need more full scale projects (reduce capital and increase availability)
- ◆ CO₂ related legislation



## CO<sub>2</sub> Sequestration



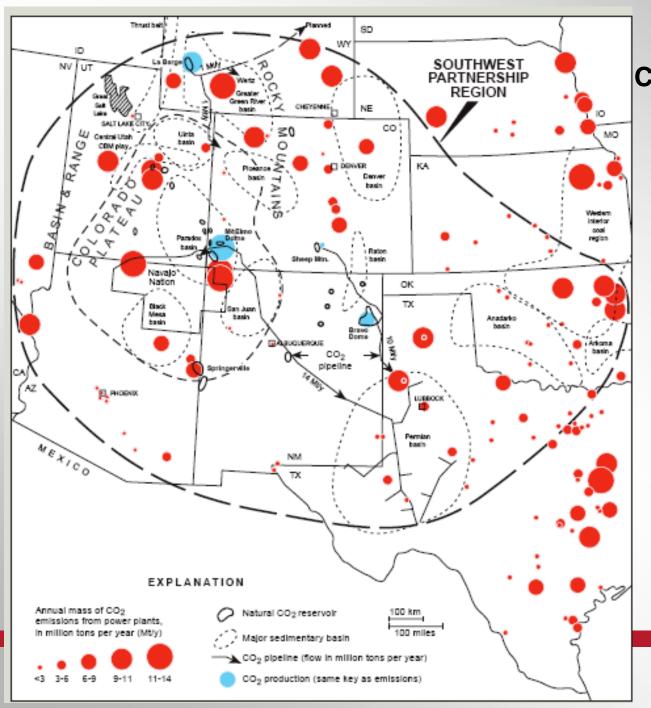




## DOE CO<sub>2</sub> pilot project in SE Utah

Anasazi field was chosen as the best candidate for a pilot  $CO_2$  flood demonstration project after reservoir simulations were completed on both the Anasazi and Runway fields.

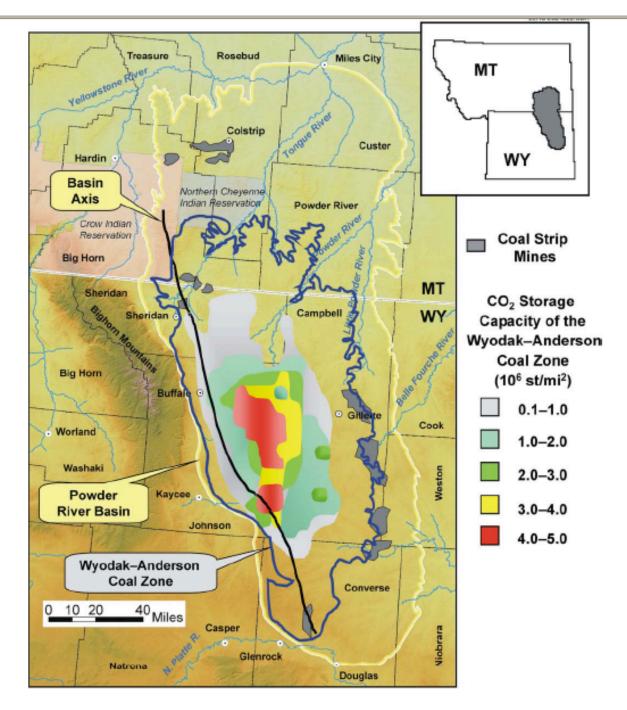




#### Western Power Plant CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions and CO<sub>2</sub>Production/Pipeline s

Source: Chidsey, Allis et al, Utah Geological Survey 2003





Source: Nelson, C.R. et al, Plaine CO<sub>2</sub> Reduction Partnership

# ECBM Potential in Powder River Basin



### What does Utah have to offer?

- Reserve base of high quality coal
- History of coal mining and good labor force
- High rank coal (good for IGCC)
- Supportive state government
- Good sources for CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration including Enhance Oil Recovery (EOR) and Enhanced CBM (ECBM) sites







## Summary

- Gasification, CTL and ICGG similar technologies
- Proven technologies
- Higher cost, higher risk without incentives
- Energy security, local jobs,
- Look North Alberta oil sands
- What happens after 2008? McCain Clinton?
- Utah could be a preferred location for these technologies

